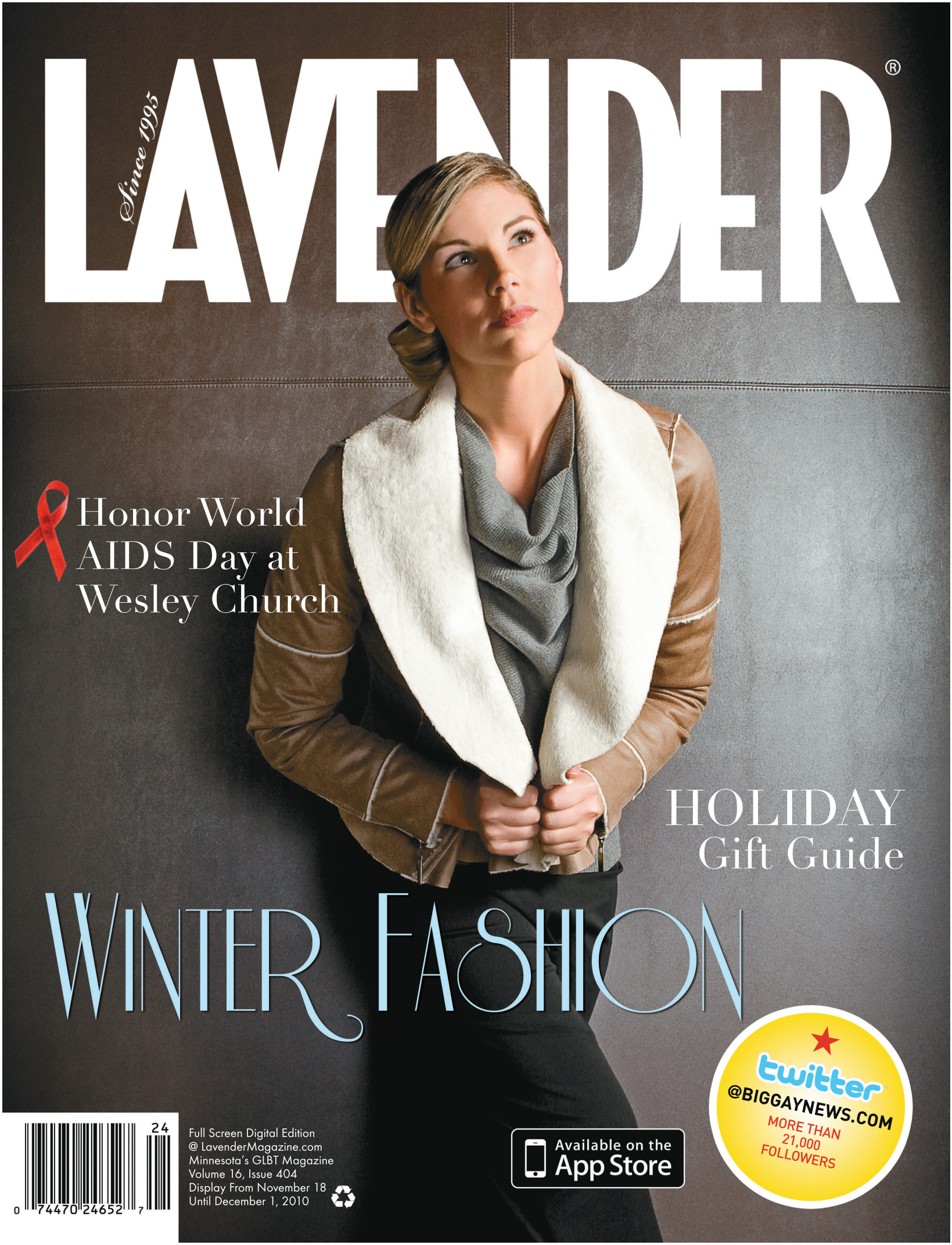
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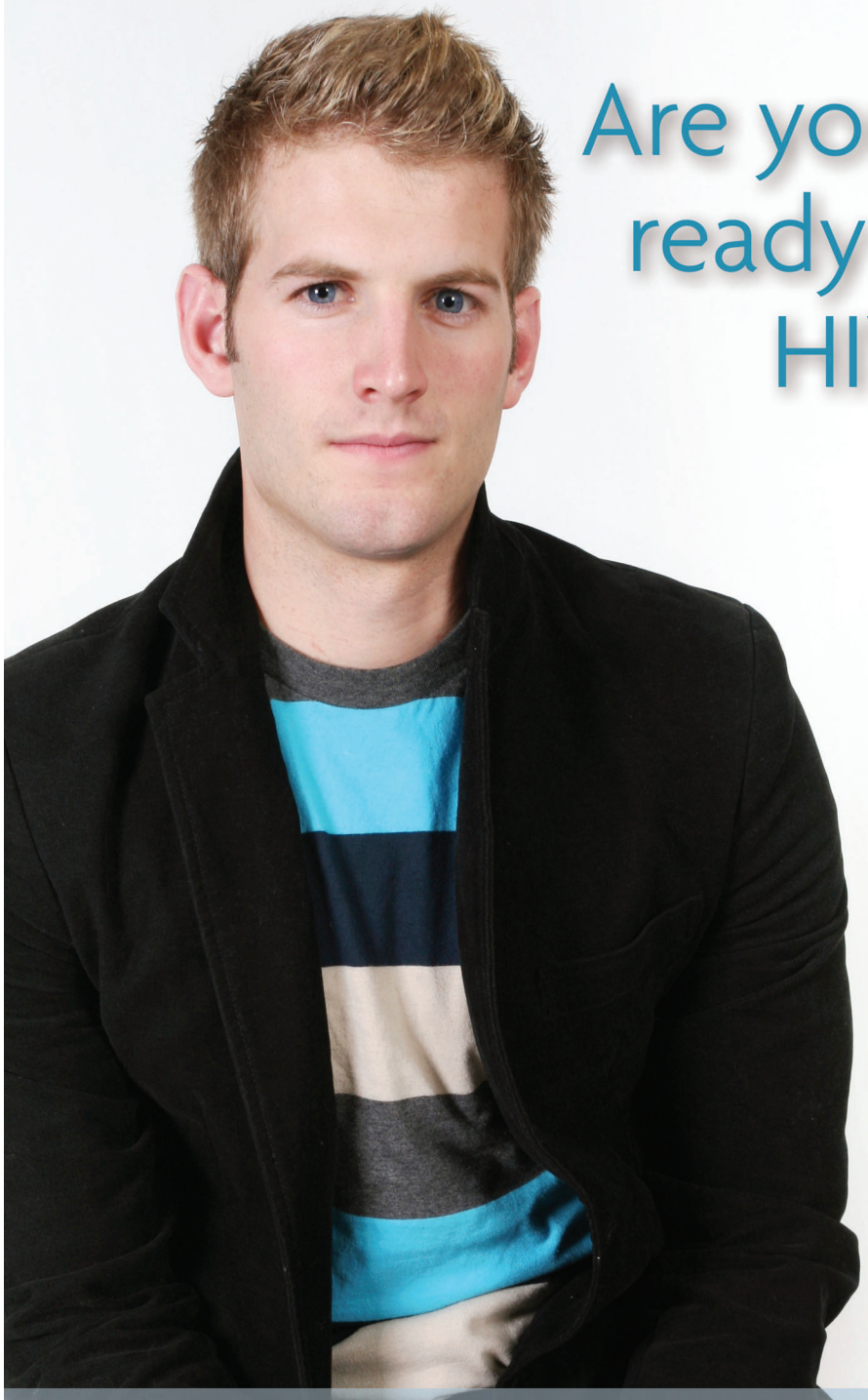
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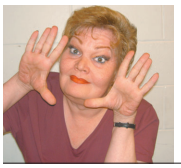
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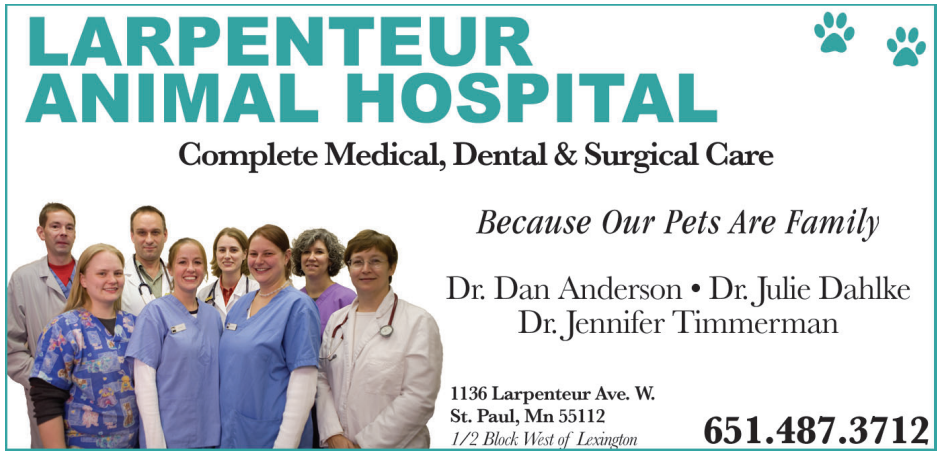


Brad Traynor









Suffer the Little Children



In last's issue column, I questioned statistical evidence of "scientists" on issues where facts simply can't support their conclusions—specifically, that gay parents produce more gay offspring than do straight ones.

I had my own idea why gay parents might *seem* to have more gay kids, but decided not to toss out yet another unsubstantiated theory.

However, the recent hateful rants of Arkansas elected school board member Clint McCance are such a perfect illustration for my own theory that I offer it now.

In a response to a Facebook initiative to wear lavender to show support for gay youth in the wake of several suicides of bullied gay teens, McCance posted this spew of hatred and bad grammar: "Seriously they want me to wear purple because five queers killed themselves. The only way im [sic] wearin [sic] it for them is if they all commit suicide. I cant [sic] believe the people of this world have gotten this stupid. We are honoring the fact that they sinned and killed thereselves [sic] because of their sin. REALLY PEOPLE."

Answering a respondent's questions, McCance elaborated "I would disown my kids [if] they were gay. They will not be welcome at my home or in my vicinity. I will absolutely run them off. Of course my kids will know better. My kids will have solid christian [sic] beliefs. See it infects everyone."

McCance doesn't say if he is a parent, or anticipates future progeny. It is, however, fodder for my own rather obvious theory: If a gay youngster is raised in a home where he or she fears being abused or disowned for expressing homosexual feelings, he or she will remain silent, with parents unaware of the truth.

By contrast, children who grow up with gay parents, who are cherished for themselves, and who have their feelings heard and respected well may speak up about sexual concerns, secure in their parents' and family's love and acceptance—hence giving the impression that gay families produce more gay children.

In further rantings, wishing death for all gay children and adults, McCance added, "I like that fags cant [sic] procreate."

Aside from the obvious—that nowadays, they can and do—this sentence overlooks that God, Spirit, Intelligent Design, or just Nature has been using heterosexual couples to create homosexuals since the beginning of humankind.

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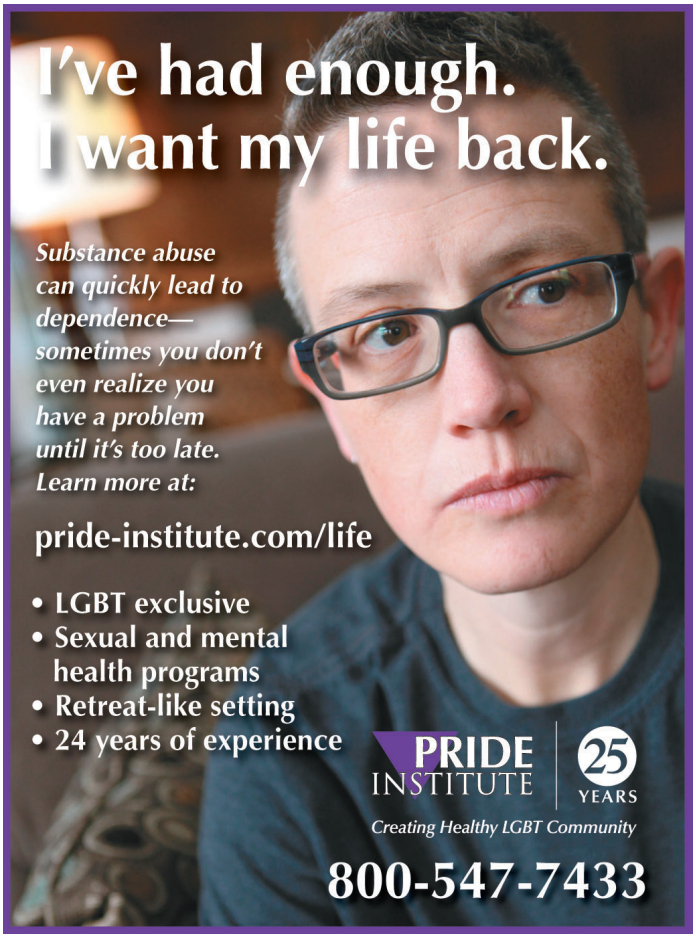
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JUSTIN JONES

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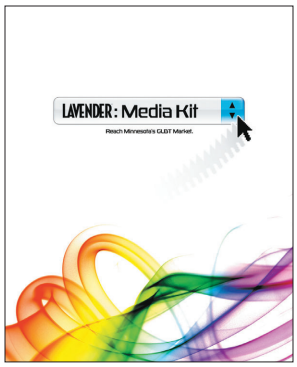
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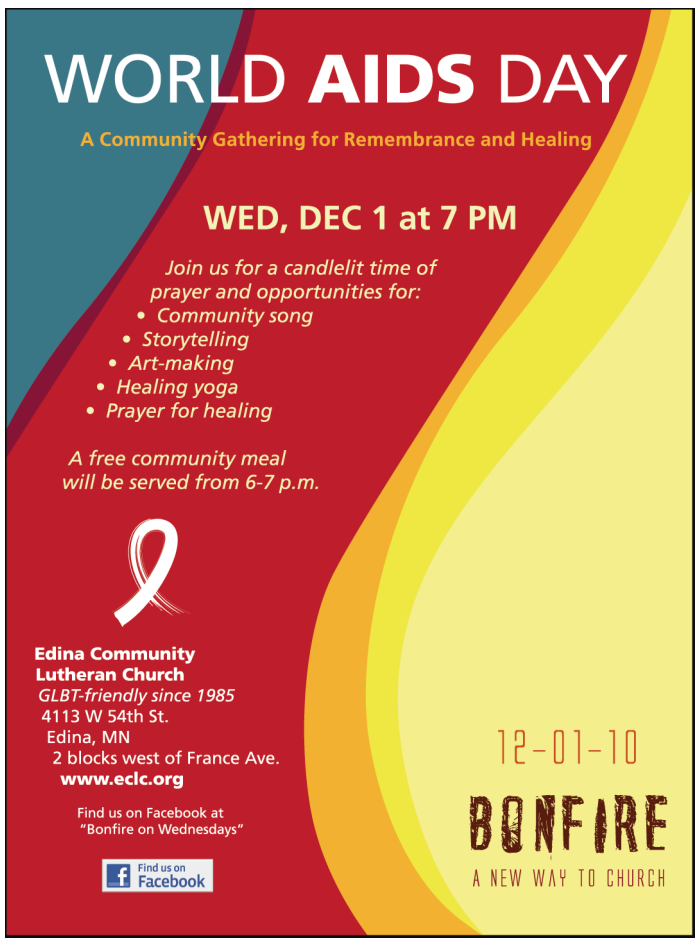
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WALTER JOHNSON

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- Never re-use or share needles.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about safer sex or how to prevent passing HIV to other people.

What should I tell my doctor before and during treatment with ISENTRESS?
Tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions. Include any of the following that applies to you:

- You have any allergies.
- You are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
  - ISENTRESS is not recommended for use during pregnancy. ISENTRESS has not been studied in pregnant women. If you take ISENTRESS while you are pregnant, talk to your doctor about how you can be included in the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry.
- You are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed.
  - It is recommended that HIV-infected women should not breast-feed their infants. This is because their babies could be infected with HIV through their breast milk.
  - Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take. Include the following:

- prescription medicines, including rifampin (a medicine used to treat some infections such as tuberculosis)
- non-prescription medicines
- vitamins
- herbal supplements

Know the medicines you take.

- Keep a list of your medicines. Show the list to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take ISENTRESS?

Take ISENTRESS exactly as your doctor has prescribed. The recommended dose is as follows:

- Take only one 400-mg tablet at a time.
- Take it twice a day.
- Take it by mouth.
- Take it with or without food.

Do not change your dose or stop taking ISENTRESS or your other anti-HIV medicines without first talking with your doctor.

IMPORTANT: Take ISENTRESS exactly as your doctor prescribed and at the right times of day because if you don't:

- The amount of virus (HIV) in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short period of time.
- The virus may develop resistance to ISENTRESS and become harder to treat.
- Your medicines may stop working to fight HIV.
- The activity of ISENTRESS may be reduced (due to resistance).

If you fail to take ISENTRESS the way you should, here's what to do:

- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do NOT take two tablets of ISENTRESS at the same time. In other words, do NOT take a double dose.
- If you take too much ISENTRESS, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center.

Be sure to keep a supply of your anti-HIV medicines.

- When your ISENTRESS supply starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy.
- Do not wait until your medicine runs out to get more.

What are the possible side effects of ISENTRESS?

When ISENTRESS has been given with other anti-HIV drugs, side effects included:

- nausea
- headache
- tiredness
- weakness
- trouble sleeping
- stomach pain
- dizziness
- depression
- suicidal thoughts and actions

Other side effects include rash, severe skin reactions, feeling anxious, paranoia, low blood platelet count.

A condition called Immune Reconstitution Syndrome can happen in some patients with advanced HIV infection (AIDS) when combination antiretroviral treatment is started. Signs and symptoms of inflammation from opportunistic infections that a person has or had may occur as the medicines work to treat the HIV infection and help to strengthen the immune system. Call your doctor right away if you notice any signs or symptoms of an infection after starting ISENTRESS with other anti-HIV medicines.

Contact your doctor promptly if you experience unexplained muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness while taking ISENTRESS. This is because on rare occasions, muscle problems can be serious and can lead to kidney damage.

Rash occurred more often in patients taking ISENTRESS and darunavir together than with either drug separately, but was generally mild.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effects that bother you.

These are not all the side effects of ISENTRESS. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

How should I store ISENTRESS?

- Store ISENTRESS at room temperature (68 to 77°F).
- **Keep ISENTRESS and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

General information about the use of ISENTRESS

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets.

- Do not use ISENTRESS for a condition for which it was not prescribed.
- Do not give ISENTRESS to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This leaflet gives you the most important information about ISENTRESS.

- If you would like to know more, talk with your doctor.
- You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about ISENTRESS that is written for health professionals.
- For more information go to www.ISENTRESS.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

What are the ingredients in ISENTRESS?
Active ingredient: Each film-coated tablet contains 400 mg of raltegravir.

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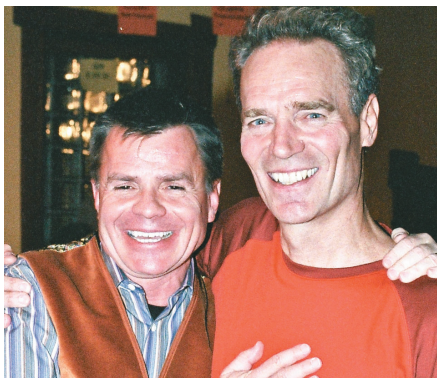
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Twin Cities GLBT Oral History Project Debuts *Queer Twin Cities*

ON OCTOBER 22, at the West Bank Social Center in Minneapolis, the Twin Cities GLBT Oral History Project hosted a reception to debut its new book, *Queer Twin Cities*. Published by the University of Minnesota Press, it's a collection of essays on Minnesota's vibrant queer communities, past and present.

(From left) Kevin Murphy, Michael David Franklin, Ryan Murphy, Jennifer Pierce, Jason Ruiz, Alex Urquhart, Larry Knopp. Photo by Sophia Hantzes



Scully Celebrates Quarter-Century of Being HIV-Positive at *Thrive!*

AT A SPECIAL performance of *Thrive!* on October 29 at Patrick's Cabaret, Patrick Scully celebrated being very much alive 25 years after discovering he was HIV-positive. In a free-ranging narrative, the consummate storyteller took his audience through a quarter-century of memories and shared history.

Patrick Scully (right) and Kevin Winge of Open Arms of Minnesota. Photo by Sophia Hantzes



Tickles Hosts Halloween Ball Benefit for The Aliveness Project

ON OCTOBER 30, Tickles bar in Downtown Minneapolis hosted a Halloween Ball, with all proceeds benefiting The Aliveness Project. The event got under way with bingo called by Miss "Jennifer North." A costume contest capped off the festivities. Lucky attendees won more than $5,000 in cash and prize drawings.

Tim Marbuger of The Aliveness Project (left) and Miss "Jennifer North." Photo by Sophia Hantzes



NLWSL Teams Compete in ASANA Softball World Series

FOUR TEAMS FROM the Northern Lights Women's Softball League (NLWSL) competed in the Amateur Sports Alliance of North America (ASANA) Softball World Series November 1-6 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The NLWSL teams were Restricted Access from Division A; Hot Properties from Division B; and Sweet Nuggets and Cuz We Can from Division D.

Hot Properties Team. Photo by Sophia Hantzes



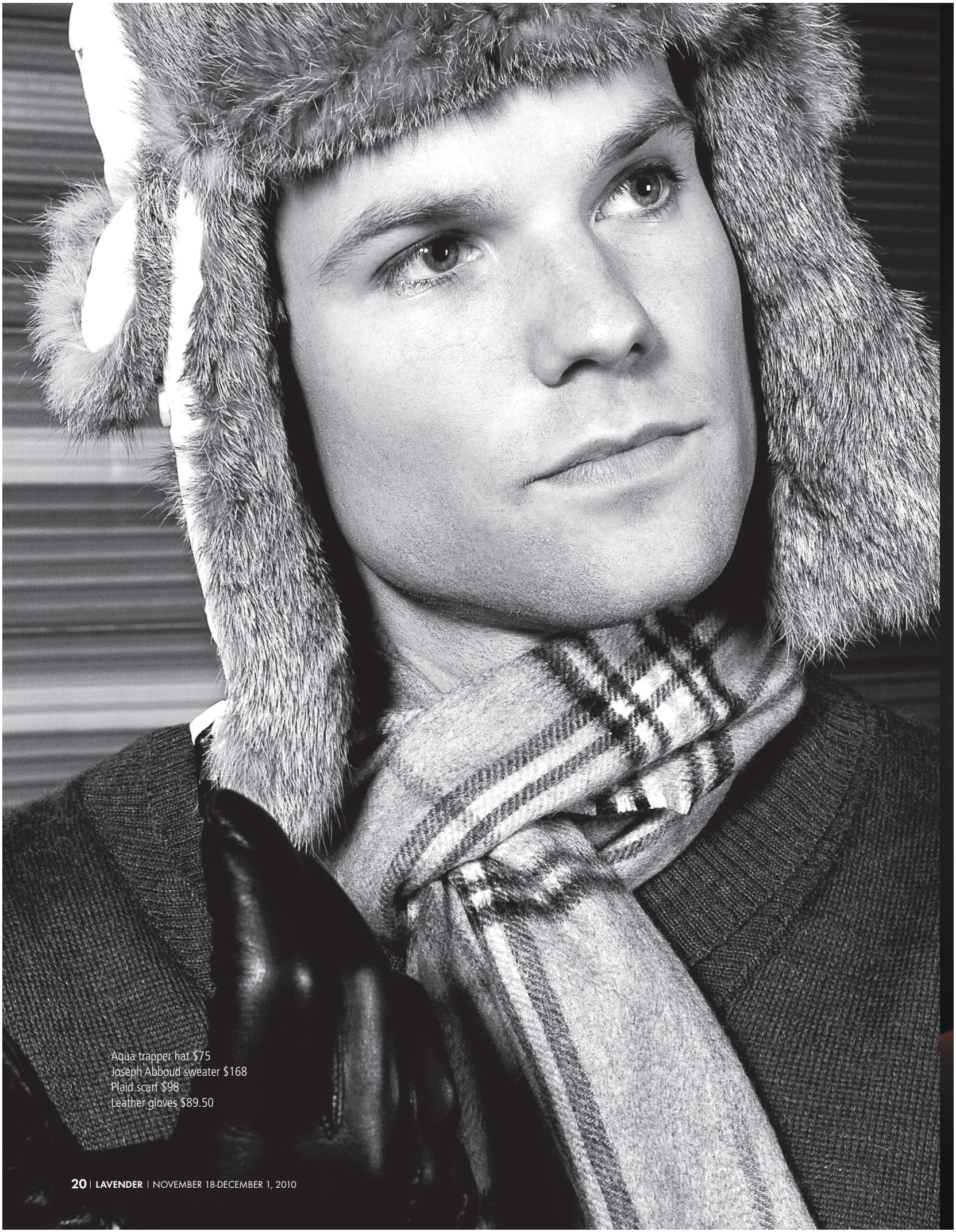
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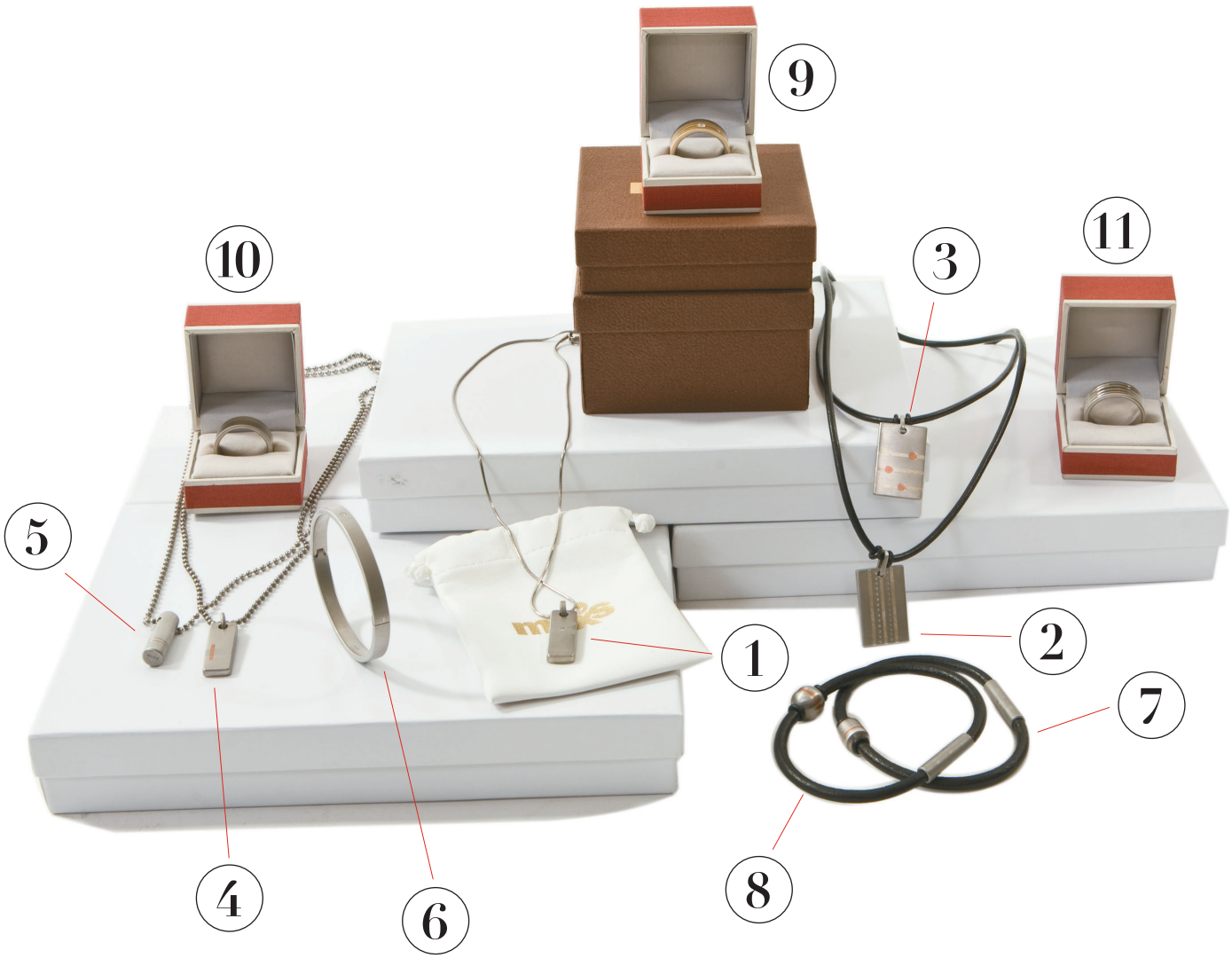


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T Lee crafts jewelry in the most precious metals. New collections include Stacker Rings; Button Bracelets in sterling and freshwater pearls; and "Call to Action" sterling charm cuffs. All are made of recycled metals with fair-trade gemstones in Northeast Minneapolis. Pictured: 1 & 10- Sams Heart Necklace—sterling silver embraces a set of colored gemstones on a 24" sterling bead chain ($125 each) 2 & 3- From the collection: LET the TREE HUG YOU Rings—in zebra wood with various gemstones set in gold ($249-$1800) 4, 5, & 6- Stacker Rings ($320-$1220) 7, 8, & 9- Sterling Cuffs—faceted gemstones set in 18k gold ($240-$540)

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2. Francesca's Collection

Similar to how travelers scour the world to find special trinkets and gifts, Francesca's mission is to find the most fashionable and desired items from across the globe for customers. Shoppers will find a wide array of the most fashion-forward styles in women's clothing, accessories, and gifts from all over the world. FOR WOMEN



3. lola by BCBGMAXAZRIA

There is a new fashion girl in town. Her name is lola. She's stylish with a mind of her own. She's a little bit girly, but likes to mix it up. Come see her coveted collection at her place called lola.
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4. HUGO Boss

The international Fashion Group HUGO BOSS opens a new, directly operated BOSS Store. The 3,000-square-feet store carries BOSS Black, BOSS Orange, and BOSS Green menswear collections, along with shoes and accessories.
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5. The Art of Shaving

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6. Gucci Accessories Boutique for Men at Nordstrom

It's an area in the men's department that carries everything Gucci, from wallets and bags to shoes and cufflinks.
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7. Jo Malone Boutique at Nordstrom

Jo Malone is a lifestyle boutique in Nordstrom. When customers visit, they will immediately experience an introduction to the brand, its fragrance collections, and distinct philosophies. Customers are invited to enjoy a luxurious, pampering hand and arm massage as part of their Jo Malone experience.
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9. 77 Kids by American Eagle

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10. Scooops Kids Spa

This delicious kids'-spa concept resembles an ice cream parlor. It features ice cream-themed products such as ice cream bath fizz, shower sherbet scrub, sundae topping foot mask, and moisturizing body icing. Yum!
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11. Lego (Arrives December 4)

Visit the completely remodeled LEGO Store, featuring 8 larger-than-life models, a variety of play tables to inspire creativity, and a giant Pick-A-Brick wall.
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12. Marbles: The Brain Store

Marbles: The Brain Store offers unique gift ideas and hard-to-find products from around the world. You'll find word puzzles, brainteasers, educational games, and brain-fitness software that enhance memory, critical thinking, coordination, visual perception, and word skills. Marbles makes it fun to play your way to a healthier brain! FOR KIDS



13. Microsoft

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15. Freeziac

Local founders John Mallon and Randy Carmody, who brought the first yogurt shop to the Twin Cities, open their second location. Freeziac is a hip, self-serve frozen yogurt shop where customers can select their own frozen yogurt flavors and toppings. Freeziac features a "Fruit Bar" offering seasonal berries and cut fruit. Guests pay for their creation based on weight.

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17. Tucci Benucch

With an updated menu, new bar, and patio expansion, Tucci Benucch remains the perfect Italian getaway.

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18. Long Tall Sally

Long Tall Sally is a multichannel retailer of fashion for taller women. The collection is designed for women 5'8" and above in sizes 4 to 18. All the clothing is designed in-house, carefully proportioned to flatter taller women. The store also features the best brands from Tall Girl.

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19. Soma Intimates

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FOR WOMEN

Honor World AIDS Day at Wesley Church

Service of Remembrance and Recommitment Features Music and Speakers

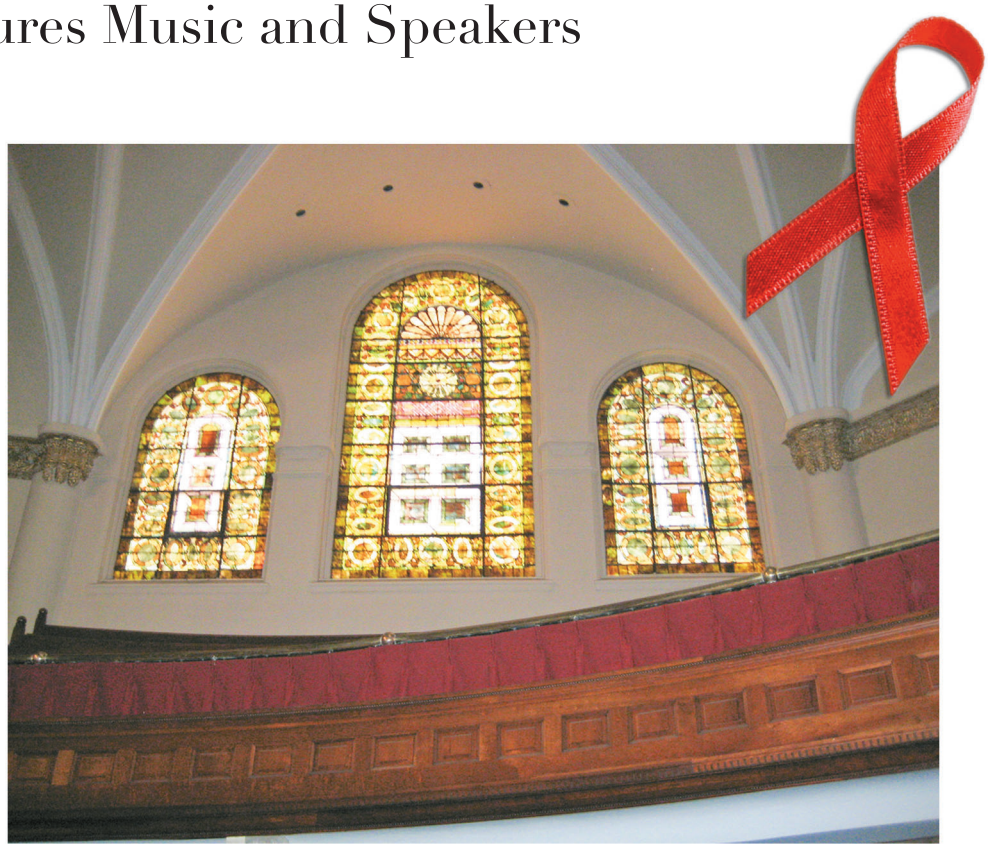


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World AIDS Day is December 1. With action, compassion, and much-needed education and public awareness, people across the globe will commemorate the millions who already have lost their lives to this terrible disease.

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, of the more than 33 million people currently living with HIV/AIDS throughout the world, more than 6,000 are Minnesotans.

You can honor the day in many ways throughout the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Health's World AIDS Day Calendar at <http://is.gd/gS52d> lists a number of volunteer opportunities and memorial services.

If you haven't made any plans yet, I hope you'll consider spending the evening with some very good friends and me. On December 1, at Wesley Church in Downtown Minneapolis, a group of us led by my friend, Reverend Greg Renstrom, will host a Service of Remembrance and Recommitment for World AIDS Day. The event begins with a social hour of food and fellowship at 5:30 PM, then transitions to an evening of incredible music and speakers at 7:30 PM.

Special musical guests include Steven C. Anderson and Paul Metsa, plus OVation, the eight-person ensemble of One Voice Mixed Chorus.

Speakers and presenters from across the community include Minnesota AIDS Project Executive Director Lorraine Teel, along with Doug Melroe, Gary Mezzone, myself, and others.

The service is the gift of Renstrom, the new minister of historic Wesley Church on the edge of Downtown Minneapolis. A graduate of Macalester College, St. Paul, and the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, he has served congregations throughout Minnesota and Michigan.

Renstrom graciously agreed to leave retirement to breathe new life into 119-year old Wesley Church—for the mere salary of $1. He considers it his gift in gratitude for the "family and friends who have so graciously and generously blessed my life."

Beyond the World AIDS Day service, Renstrom and the new family at Wesley are building a spiritual community whose purpose is to "offer hope and encouragement to all people."

Regardless of where and how you choose to acknowledge World AIDS Day, I hope you'll spend some part of it with your community. When you realize that every 24 hours, one Minnesotan is diagnosed with HIV, it quickly becomes clear that the risks are too high and the cost to society too great not to do so. **BRADLEY TRAYNOR**

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THREE IOWA JUSTICES REMOVED AFTER GAY MARRIAGE RULING

Iowans voted November 2 to remove three of the state's Supreme Court justices, following on the historic ruling in 2008 that effectively legalized same-sex marriage in the state. It's the first time Iowa voters have removed a Supreme Court justice since the procedure began in 1962. The campaign to remove the judges was financed heavily by same-sex marriage opponents.

OBAMA HAS APPOINTED RECORD NUMBER OF GAYS TO ADMINISTRATION

According to the Canadian Press, President Barack Obama has appointed more openly gay officials than any other chief executive in the history of the United States. Estimates place the number at more than 150 appointments, surpassing President Bill Clinton's record of 140.

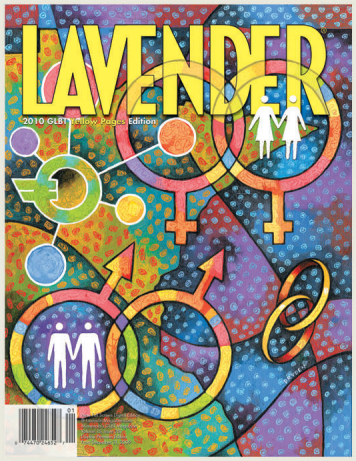


CONGRESS GETS ITS FOURTH OPENLY GAY MEMBER

Rhode Island Democrat David Cicilline was elected only the fourth openly gay member of Congress on November 2, after winning the House seat vacated by retiring Representative Patrick Kennedy. The 49-year-old Mayor of Providence beat Republican State Representative John Loughlin.

GAY VOTER SUPPORT FOR REPUBLICANS DOUBLED FROM 2008

According to national exit polling, 31 percent of gays and lesbians who voted in US House races in November chose the Republican candidate. That's up from only 19 percent in 2008. Log Cabin Republicans Executive Director R. Clarke Cooper told reporters he believes Republicans performed better with gay and lesbians because of their focus on the economy rather than social issues. **WRITTEN & COMPILED BY BRADLEY TRAYNOR**



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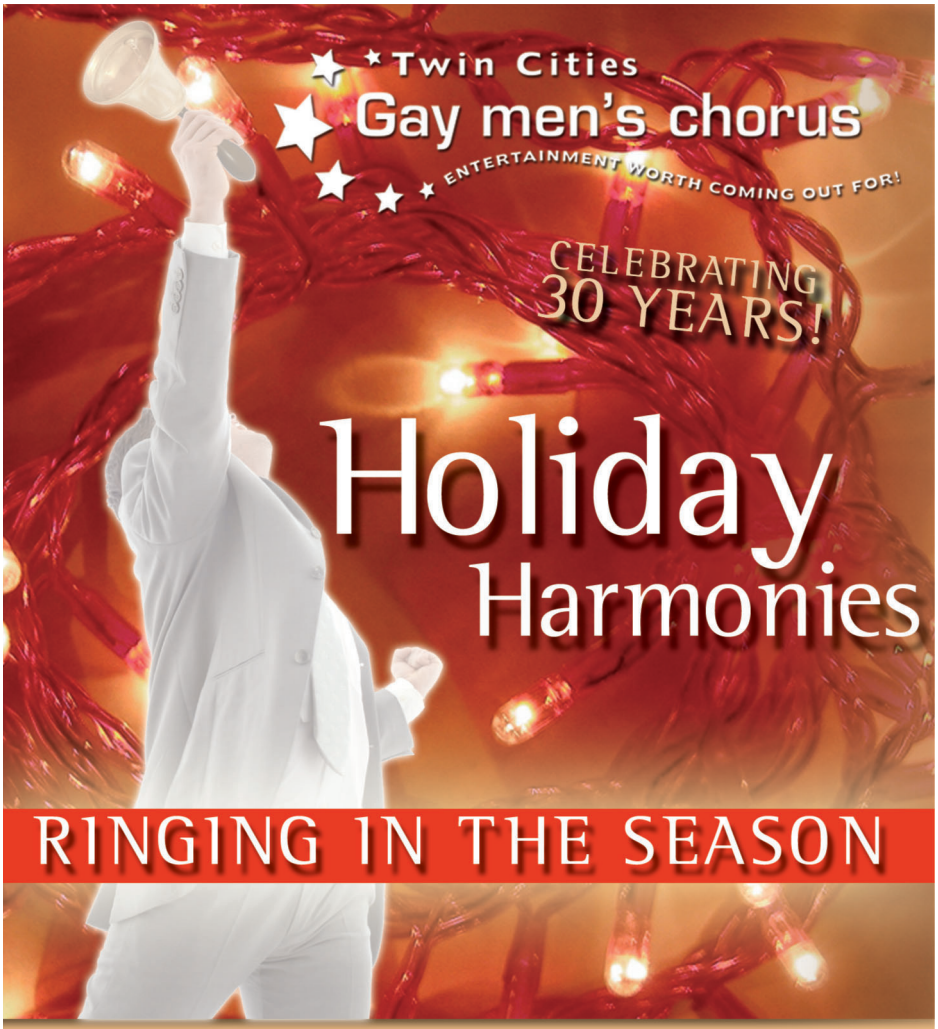
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GROUNDBREAKING NEW FILM COLLAPSES BOUNDARIES OF SEXUAL IDENTITY

Uptown Minneapolis today is the setting of a groundbreaking new film about romantic and erotic desire. This indie, *FAUX*, blurs the categories of gay, straight, and even bisexual. It's the second in a triptych, the first of which is titled *FADE*.

Christopher Beer, 23-year-old *FAUX* director-writer-cinematographer, says, "The characters are written as having no clear orientation—or rather, no definably-labeled orientation."

Moreover, Beer observes how economics influences and shapes sexual expression.

FAUX is a Minneapolis-made film that elicits marvelous performances from the Twin Cities theater-actor pool.

Playing the lead, Caleb, is an astounding Andrew Sass, known for his sexually-charged stage performances (*Anon, Medea Ex Machina, Needs/Wants/Desires*). In the film, Caleb, a Caucasian writer, has lost his wife, Annie, in a hit-and-run accident. While emerging from his grief, he connects with Rin, a darling man of color portrayed by Jemar Rovie-Frenchwood.

Sass and Rovie-Frenchwood ignite luminous passion. Oh, the shower scene! Intimacy merges with sexuality. They share themselves heart to heart, in the flesh, rather than electronically.

Beer's up-close-and-personal camera sometimes veers into space, while his characters continue to speak in intriguing dialogue. I can think of no other film that is simultaneously both so cerebrally thoughtful and erotically sensual.

For those who would insist that Caleb was denying his homosexuality when his wife was alive, Sass counters, "I believe that Caleb discovered a deep, meaningful connection with another man that he perceived as the same as—or at least similar to—his connection with Annie. Whether with a man or woman in his life, he longed for love, and he shared it both with Annie and Rin."

Adena Brumer plays Annie in a stunning Weisman Art Museum segment. She's like a vision out of Old Hollywood, but without a trace of narcissism. She's the embodiment of love and openness. How could Caleb *not* love her?

In shocking contrast, a shattering Matthew Feeney rivets as Denny, a middle-aged gay man obsessed with Rin. Denny thought "coming out" would be a cure-all for heterosexist wounds and a swift passage to true love.

Beer notes, "Denny was written as a culmination of gay and lesbian people I have known who had approached coming out as the light at the end of their tunnels, only to be disappointed. They came out, and then went, 'Well, now what?' A depression also ensued. Instead of just being a person, they were now a demographic, a subgenre, a commodity."

Radically contrasting Denny is *Lavender* CEO Stephen Rocheford in vibrant form in an actual interview. The antithesis of the victim personified by Denny, he notes that archaic negative stereotypes are understandable in terms of the eras in which they held currency, but are to be moved past. He weighs in smartly on the importance of GLBT financial power as a counter to the dominant paradigm.

Peppered throughout the film is a student trio led by Theresa, portrayed by a deliciously-funny Nicole Kreux. They lament how we're reduced to what music we listen to or what liquor we drink.

Beer remarks, "We have this pervasive need to easily understand and label everything, and this insane desire to create some form of representation of who we want to be."

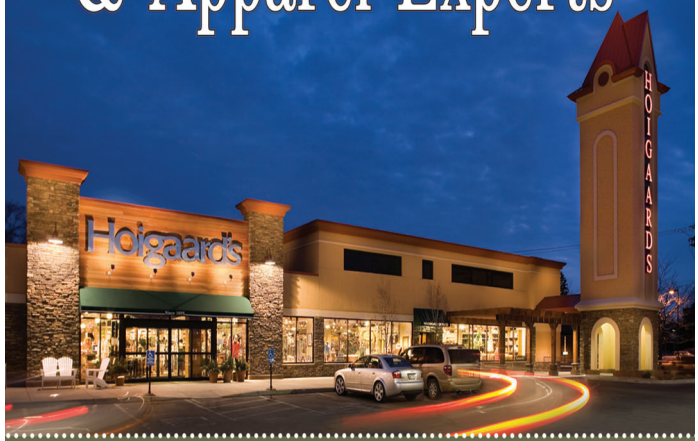
The character Theresa asserts, "Love is a societal fabrication, rather than a base human need. Marriage is a creation of the state. The state also needs the marriage of man and woman strictly, in order to breed the more easily refined consumerists."

Transgender drama coach Alexandra Billings, in another *FAUX* interview, hilariously considers how gay marriage would spur the economy. Injected into the marriage discussion at one point is a shopping-mall interior with a gigantic American flag.

Indeed, how image and words play off one another throughout *FAUX* simply astonishes. **JOHN TOWNSEND**

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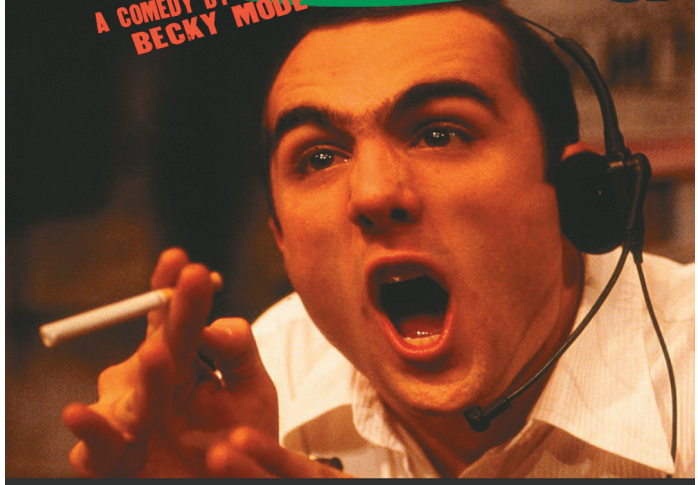
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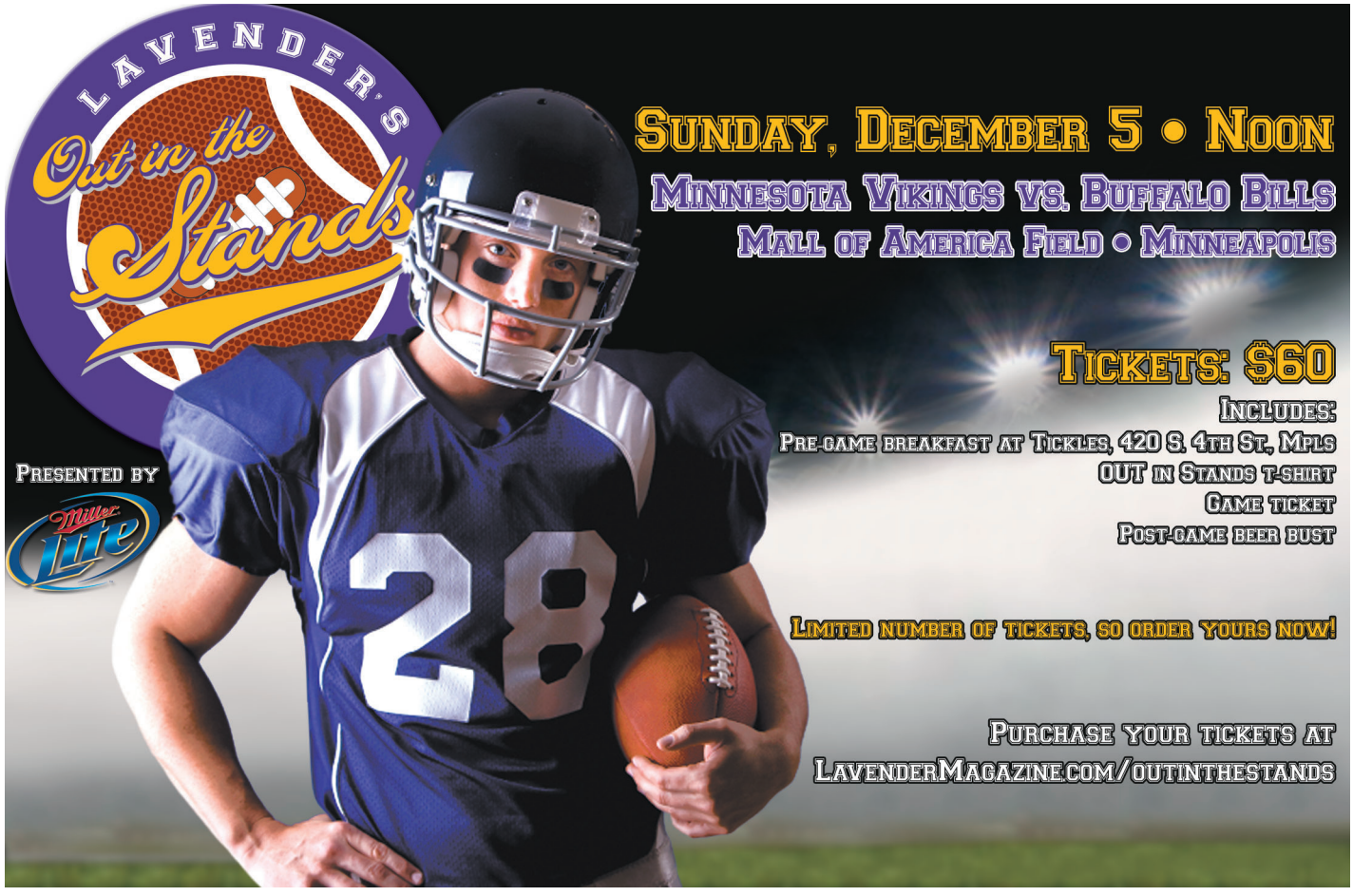
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Playwright Rebecca Gilman is an original and scathing observer of today's besieged middle class. She ruthlessly has examined racial correctness and her own white female privilege in *Spinning Into Butter,* and the way economics affects our sexual expression and capacity to love in *Dollhouse*. With *The Crowd You're in With*, she muses on concerns over having kids in our period of economic collapse and upheaval. It was a hit last year at Chicago's Goodman Theatre. Walking Shadow premieres it here.



'Tis Pity She's a Whore. Photo by Diane Mountford

'Tis Pity She's a Whore
Through Nov. 20
Walker Community Church
3104 16th Ave. S., Mpls.
www.classicalactorsensemble.org

In the early 1630s, during the reign of King Charles I, English theater had become grisly and quite sexual. This fueled the righteous Puritans, who would behead him in 1649, and replace the monarchy with a republic. John Ford's 1630s tragedy, *'Tis Pity She's a Whore,* was a highly-controversial work in that time.

Director Joseph Papke notes, "Ironically, physical incest may be the purest love in the play. Ford writes about a society with double standards for men and women, but ultimately leaves it up to the audience to decide who is right and who is wrong in a play full of moral and ethical ambiguity."

Today's puritans would call it "moral relativism." Of course, they are much less bothered by violence.

Unspeakable Things: The Wandrei Brothers Project
Through Nov. 20
Red Eye Theater
15 W. 14th St., Mpls.
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www.sandboxtheatreonline.com



The Orchids, in the exhibit *An Embarrassment of Riches: Picturing Global Wealth*. Photo Courtesy of Harrison Photography Company



Robin Hood. Photo by Dan Norman

Sandbox's new collaboration reflects on St. Paul's Donald and Howard Wandrei, pioneers in science fiction and fantasy in the 1930s and 1940s.

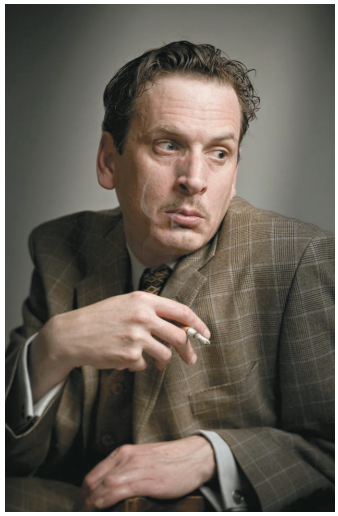
Artistic Director Ryan Hill says *Unspeakable Things* "is about the inability to confront your fears. Fear, and your ability to address it, is a constant pressure on marginalized communities. For example, gay suicides aren't cause by embarrassment. They're caused by fear—incomprehensible terror that cannot be reasoned, subdued, or healed. The plight of our main character, Donald Wandrei [John Middleton], shows what happens if you live with that type of fear—when you let it run your life."

Minneapolis Underground Film Festival
Dec. 3-5
Minneapolis College of Art and Design
2501 Stevens Ave. S., Mpls.
www.minneapolisundergroundfilmfestival.com

You can bet the farm that Festival Director Greg Yolen will have a provocative slate of indies. So, it's no surprise that gay filmmakers Jaime Carrera and Tyler Jensen are on board. Their shorts *Parade* and *Passing* are part of *Minneapolis Project 2010*, a panorama of local short films.

In *Passing*, transgender actor Sinan Goknur plays The Mechanic. Carrera shares, "This particular character struggles with the perception of himself he sees in others, but ultimately decides to exude genuineness by living life truthfully."

Yolen presents his own new film, *Macumba*, about a couple drawn into black magic in Costa Rica. Political activists: Heed the documentary *Speaker's Corner*. Other films to consider: *Abide*, *The Hunting Buddies*, *Victory Square*, and *Vixen Highway*.



Unspeakable Things: The Wandrei Brothers Project. Photo by Richard Fleischman

Robin Hood
Through Dec. 5
Children's Theatre Company
2400 3rd Ave. S., Mpls.
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Adapter/Director Greg Banks's gloriously gritty ensemble crackles with impeccable timing, crossdressing mischief, and beefy biceps.

Mary Anna Culligan's costumes have a present-day homeless look that evokes a disturbing contemporary equivalency with the story's Medieval feudal rich terrorizing the starving poor. Ted Sharon's lyrical stage combat direction is enhanced by Joseph Stanley's Sherwood Forest set, which evokes a menacing ambience. Victor Zupanc's rustic music fits the rural setting perfectly.

Dynamic Dean Holt dazzles as Robin Hood. Anna Sundberg endears as Maid Marian. Julian McFaul as The Sheriff relishes his sadistic power lust—the type that mutilates people. Reed Sigmund is hilariously camp as decadent Prince John.

It's one marvelous, terrific show!

An Embarrassment of Riches: Picturing Global Wealth
Through Jan. 2
Minneapolis Institute of Arts
2400 3rd Ave. S., Mpls.
(612) 870-3000
www.artsmia.org

As you enter this seemingly low-key photo exhibit, you read: "The past decade has witnessed unprecedented growth of global riches." So, you might expect images of those recently mowed down by the global economy. Instead, you see recent reflections of prosperity. The Marxist maxim that wealth should be redistributed downward to the masses shifts into reverse here. Such redistribution actually has occurred upward.

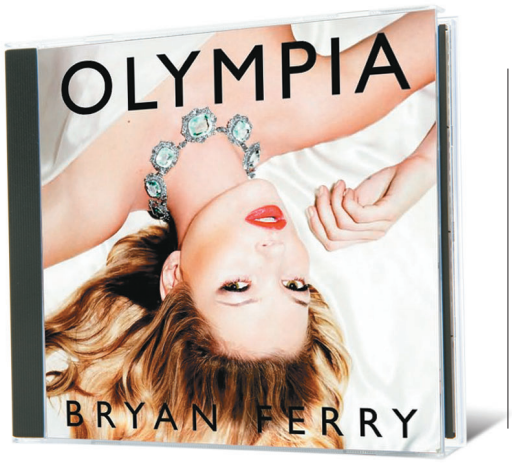
The first photo as you walk in is Edward Burtynksy's *Oil Fields #22*. A sleek pipeline purposely snakes its way into the green Alberta landscape. Nature is secondary and passive. The phallic wealth organ is primary and vigorous.

As you may anticipate, the exhibit includes obligatory decadent images: photos of hip young people (mostly attractive men) in a Frankfurt night club; narcissistic LA Valley Girls sipping Buds; and a bulldog sitting contently in an antique chair. But curator David Little deliberately seems to have overshadowed them with deeper comments within other photos.

Those comments include Luc Delahaye's *A Lunch at the Belvedere*. In a grouping that eerily echoes Leonard da Vinci's *The Last Supper*, 11 businessmen and a woman interact at a conference table at the fabled Davos, Switzerland, hotel for the World Economic Forum. Has economics unseated religion?

Sze Tsung Leong's forlorn *Suzhou Creek, Putuo District, Shanghai*, the only work that forthrightly laments the global economic shift, has decrepit, once-gorgeous buildings in the foreground, as nondescript, sterile ones rise with uniformity beyond.

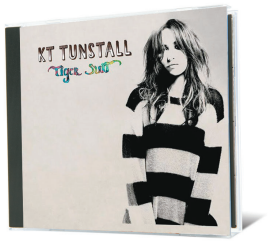
Tina Barney's *The Orchids* features two men in a room with antiques. We wonder: What is their relationship to each other? Relatives, business partners, or life partners? **JOHN TOWNSEND**



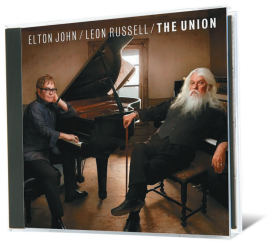
Olympia
BRIAN FERRY
Mr. Roxy Music returns with his first collection since 2002 that includes originals. The suave one produces what one would expect: a collection of lush pop songs propelled by his signature voice. Where the album misses the mark is in the production, which sounds out of date—not in a cool, retro way, but in a "did they really think this sounded good in 1983?" kind of way. Hmm, Dave Stewart, formerly of The Eurythmics, cowrote much of it. On the upside, Ferry has a voice that can make even subpar work sound much better than it really is. He hits the mark midalbum with a striking vocal performance on Tim Buckley's "Song to the Siren" and Traffic's "No Face, No Name, No Number." Again, all that holds the songs back is the overbusy production, which buries what brought listeners to the album in the first place beneath way too production and sheen. **ED HUYCK**



The Smoke of My Will
STNNNG
I needed something with guitars—loud, loud ones. Minneapolis-based STNNNG provide those needed hard-edged guitars on their third album, released on vinyl only in October on the local Modern Radio Record Label. The band merges direct, hard-core punk stylings with jagged, postpunk backbeats. But it's not all cacophonous noise (not that I have any problems with it). Singer Chris Besinger moves from a quiet, spoken-singing style to peel-the-paint yelps on a dime, and the rest of the band is as expert at making shifts in tone, tempo, and volume. Guitarists Adam Burt and Nathan Nelson duel it out throughout the release, employing the same sense of dynamics that fuels the vocals. The standout is the epic "Two Sick Friends," where the band keeps the groove quiet, but makes up for that in driving intensity. Elsewhere, the album has no shortage of it, such as the side-two opener, "New Black Hole." **ED HUYCK**



Tiger Suit
KT TUNSTALL
After making a "quick" rise to the top in 2004—she had been playing for a decade at the time—KT Tunstall consolidated her skills on her second album. With this third release, she makes good on much of her early promise. Additional maturity is here in her singing, which takes on an extra level of earthiness in its delivery, as well as in the songwriting, which features plenty of propulsive pop and rock tunes. Recorded at the famed Hansa Studio in Berlin, the album feels modern without being airtight and lifeless like so many recent releases. A song like "Difficulty" has the underpinnings of the pop-folk Tunstall has employed in the past, but includes several additional sonic layers, from distorted electronics to harmony vocals, which give it an appealing depth. She also occasionally heads back into pure folk with equally solid results, such as the bouncy-but-eerie "Golden Frames." **ED HUYCK**



The Union
ELTON JOHN AND LEON RUSSELL
When he was just a wee sprite of a singer-songwriter, Elton John was inspired by the piano playing and songwriting of Leon Russell. Though Russell is featured on a number of hits—and even sang a few of them on his own—he'd fallen into obscurity until John rediscovered his music, and enlisted his former mentor to craft a new album together. Alas, *The Union*—while certainly a competent late-period John album—isn't a return to the 1970s glory that Russell inspired. For the most part, you get lots of midtempo rockers and near-generic ballads of the type littering John's albums for nearly 30 years now. T. Bone Burnett, who has done remarkable work in the past, seems to phone this one in, as does a bevy of guest artists, from Neil Young to Booker T to Don Was. The album has occasional hints of something greater, but they are layered under all the musical deadweight. **ED HUYCK**



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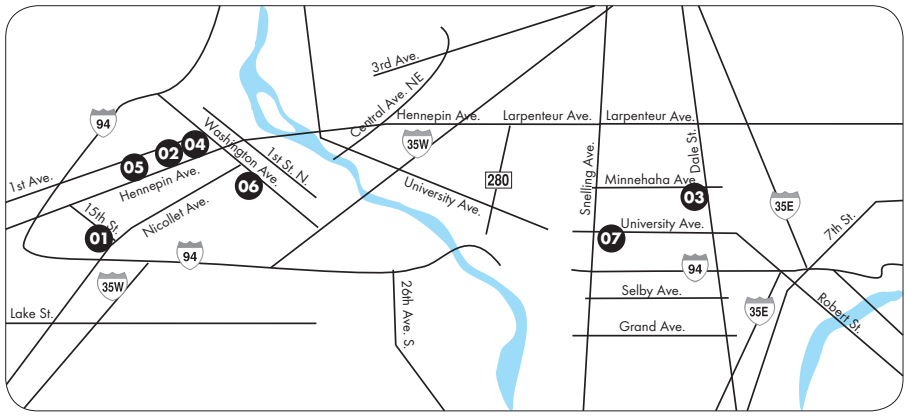
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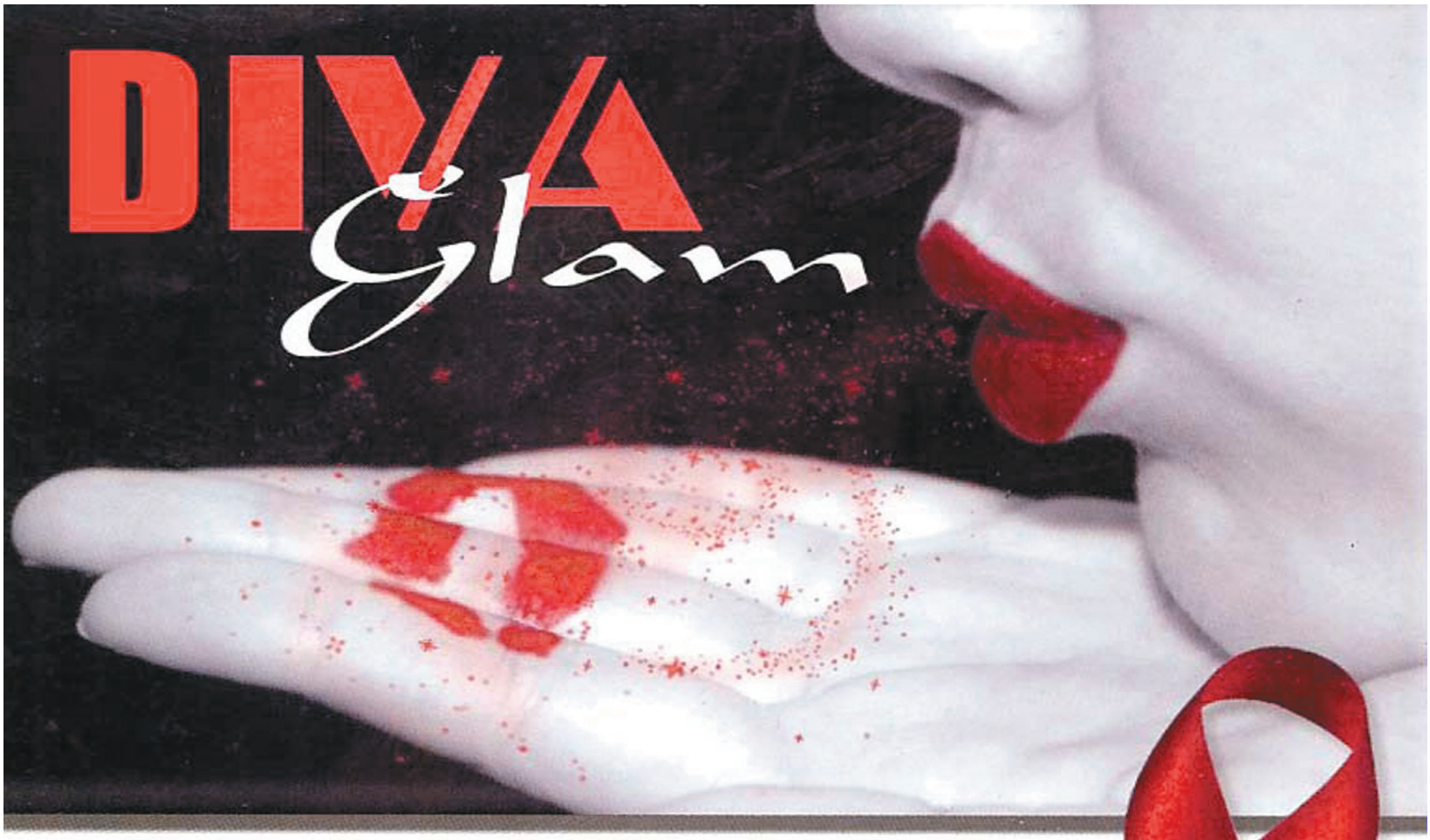
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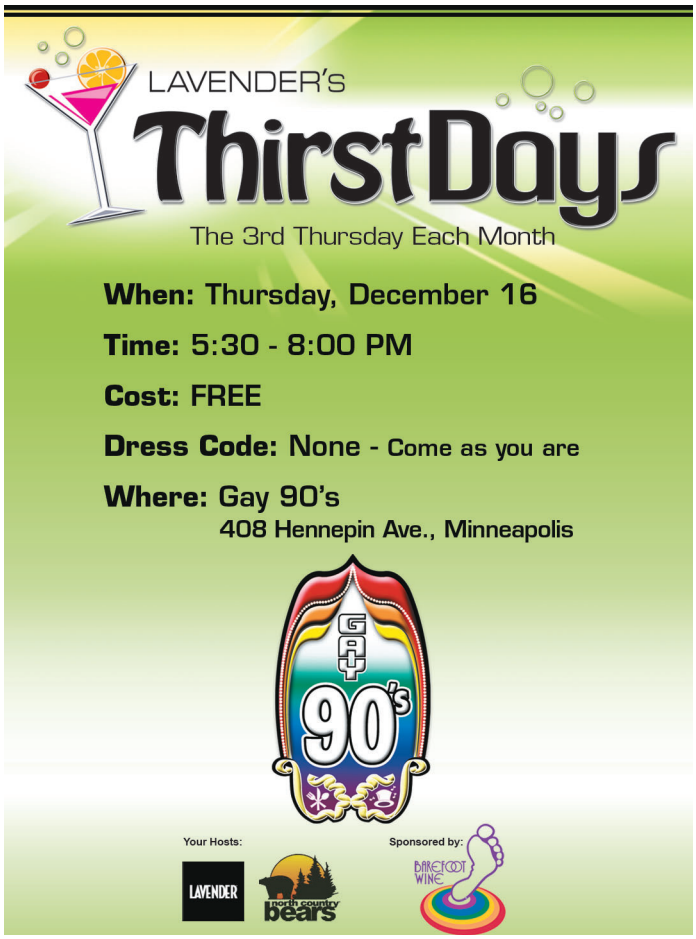
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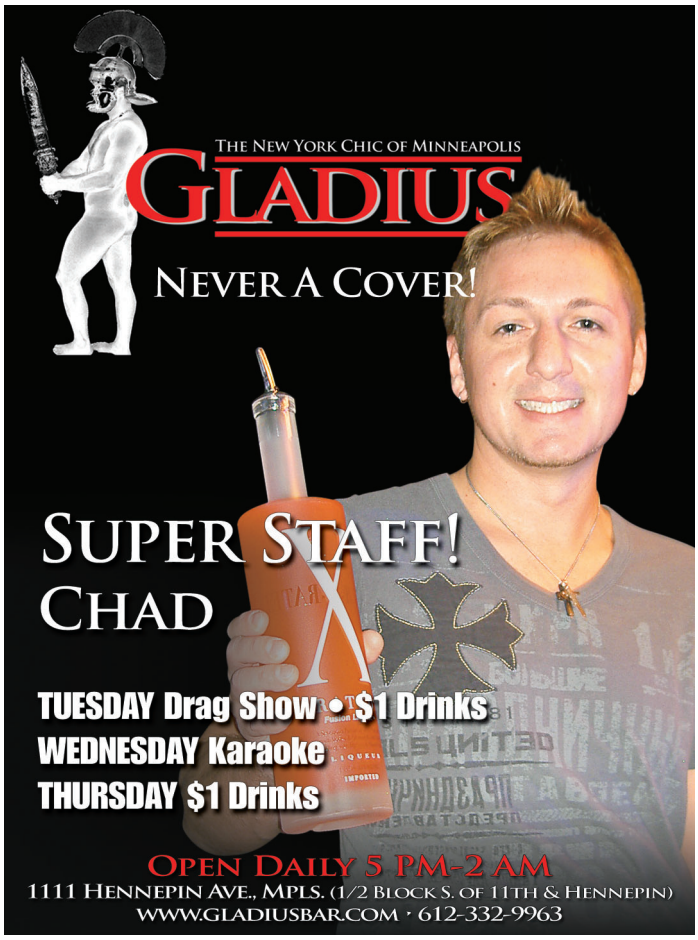






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9 PM. Tickles.
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The Main Club. Superior, WI.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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8:30 PM. Tickles.
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9 PM. Town House.
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The Main Club. Superior, WI.

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I probably should have waited to visit Café Ena, a charming Latin fusion restaurant. As I will be taking a trip to Chile soon, I will return better-prepared to comment on Latin cuisine. However, whenever I put out feelers for good new restaurants, Café Ena—the brainchild of Hector Ruiz and Erin Ungerman of El Meson—kept coming up, and patience is not one of my strongest qualities.

The "Latin fusion" descriptor was enticing, with just the perfect amount of vague to attract my curiosity. At Café Ena, the fusion element applies to Ruiz's French cooking techniques and presentation, but the food itself is somewhat traditional. Then again, much of what we experience of Latin American cuisine is itself a fusion, heavily influenced by the Spanish, but with hints of the German and the French.

Not to praise any form of imperialism, but I'm glad the influence at least went both ways—we have the Americas to thank for Italy's red sauces, and for Ireland's potatoes. Also, while Europeans brought smallpox to the Western Hemisphere, the Taino Indians may have introduced syphilis to the Eastern Hemisphere. I don't know that I would call it a fair trade, but each brought down their share of dynasties. I only mention this for the morbid who also enjoy history and fine food. I hope my readership includes at least some of you. ↦

Campesino Salad. Photos by Hubert Bonnet







(Clockwise from left) Tampico (Salmon); Cameron Caribe; Bife de Chorizo.

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My dining partner and I were offered a glass of Intalgio Bianco ($8.50/$29), which is clean and crisp, just as promised. If you are going to Café Ena, as I was, quite stressed and in need of TLC, I believe this complex white blend can soothe any savage beast.

I surrendered to my higher power—in this case, our server, who brought us Cameron Caribe and Ceviche.

Cameron Caribe ($9.95) is a playful plate of lightly-battered shrimp, balanced on corn and curry fritters, topped with cilantro aioli and picked onions, with an accompanying jalapeño-laced sauce. I thought the curry competed just a bit with the rest, but the presentation allowed one to enjoy the elements separately. If you're interested in trying it, you should go to the restaurant before too much snow hits the ground—rumor has it this dish may go on hiatus during the winter.

Café Ena's scallop, shrimp, and calamari Ceviche ($11.95) was very mild, very balanced, and very fresh. I've had ceviches elsewhere that are so packed with lime, you really can't taste much else. It's served with a wealth of tortilla chips, which is very considerate for a group of four or five diners.

What one quickly notices about Café Ena is how very easy it is to relax here. Thought is put into the food itself, of course, but also it is easy to order; easy to enjoy; and in the case of appetizers, mercifully easy to share.

Campesino ($8.95) followed, and it very well may have been my favorite dish of the evening. Layers of pan-seared panela cheese are tucked between thickly-sliced yellow and red heirloom tomatoes, then drizzled with a balsamic reduction, as well as cilantro- and jalapeño-infused oil. A glass of Chilean Root 1 Carmenere ($8/$28) brought out the fruitiness of the tomatoes very nicely, but didn't get in the way of the mild, mozzarella-like cheese. ↦

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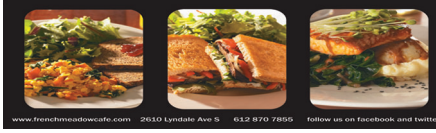


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The carmenere grape long was thought to be extinct, but it survived in Chilean vineyards under the accidental pseudonym of "Merlot Peumal." Its rediscovery in 1994 didn't cause much of a splash outside the wine scene, but for my money, it should have. Carmenere makes for a gentle, drinkable wine. It is easy to pair, and it best is enjoyed young.

Our entrées were Bahia ($20.95)—grilled corvina (similar to sea bass) served over mango-coconut risotto and sauteéd spinach—paired with melon-kissed Pedroncelli Sauvignon Blanc ($8/$28); and Filete ($24.95)—pepper-crusted filet mignon, with a soft nest of mashed potatoes and sauteed Swiss chard—paired with chocolatey Ancient Vines Mourvedre (off-menu). I know it's sacrilege, but if you were to take home anything from Café Ena's menu, and eat it cold, alone in bed with the lights off (hypothetically), it's Filete—quite comforting.

We sampled three desserts ($6 each): Churros with chocolate granache and cinnamon ice cream; Lemon Pie with mango coulis; and Empanadas. Assuming you must choose one, I'd recommend Churros, in no small part because of the assertive, red hot-like cinnamon ice cream—my favorite flavor—but I never have had it quite like this before.

Bottom line: I would recommend surprisingly few places for someone in need of a good cheering-up. However, at Café Ena, the light and airy dining room, festive menu, and reasonable prices make it very difficult not to enjoy yourself thoroughly. **HEIDI FELLNER**



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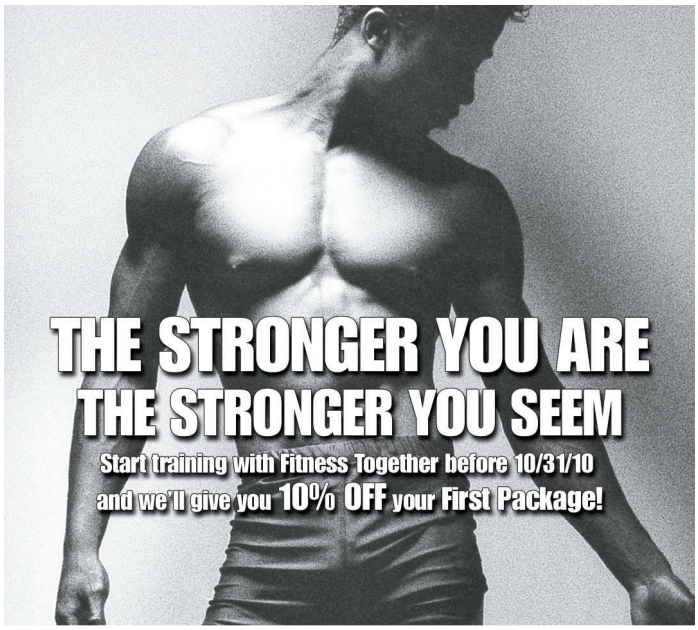
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Flamingos Divine Finds



Two types of shoppers are the hunters and the gatherers. Gatherers want to shop at a store where almost anything is easily accessible and a real possibility, if you have the cash. Hunters, on the other hand, willingly would walk into a dimly-lit warehouse full of strange odds and ends, stalking that one perfect "divine find" that may be just around the corner. I am the latter. And like many hunters, I also can be cheap. Just to give you an idea, I found my desk in an alley. Yes, I said it, and I'm damn proud of it.

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acquired a new and larger building, he decided to parlay his treasure-hunting hobby into a new business: Flamingos Divine Finds.

Flamingos, which celebrates its first anniversary this December, hosts monthly sales where opportunistic—i.e., hunter shoppers—can pick up unique, high-quality home decor items and jewelry for a song. Moreover, gather shoppers appreciate not having to pick through a lot of worthless, tasteless items to find something good: Flamingos vendors do it for you. Some even go so far as to renovate or repurpose items. Everything definitely is priced to go. It seems to be a successful business model.

Shane says, "We go to different sales all over the state, and we're able to find things you're typically not able to find in the city, so it's a real *find*. Everyone likes a bargain in this economy."

Business has grown each and every sale, which typically takes place the second week of the month, Wednesday through Sunday, 10 AM-6 PM. Just don't wait until the very end of the sale to make up your mind. Veteran shoppers at Flamingos Divine Finds tend to show up early, and make quick decisions on hot items.

Not only can you furnish and decorate your house at rock-bottom prices at Flamingos, but also shoppers tend to appreciate that antiques having survived this long are likely to last into the future.

Shane remarks, "The newer stuff today is not made to be an heirloom to pass down."

With delivery service available within the metro area, even a lifelong gatherer has to concede the point.

Upcoming sales are advertised online.

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Friday, November

BORN YESTERDAY. This comedy by Garson Kanin is the story of the vulgar, egotistic—and rich—Harry Brock, as he arrives in our nation's capital toting his ex-showgirl mistress, Billie. While he's out making backroom deals, he hires a newspaper reporter to tutor her in the ways of Washington. She proves to be a quick study. This comedy had one of the longest Broadway runs in history. Through Dec. 12. Theatre in the Round Players, 245 Cedar Ave., Mpls. (612) 333-3010. <www.theatreintheround.org>.

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Saturday, November

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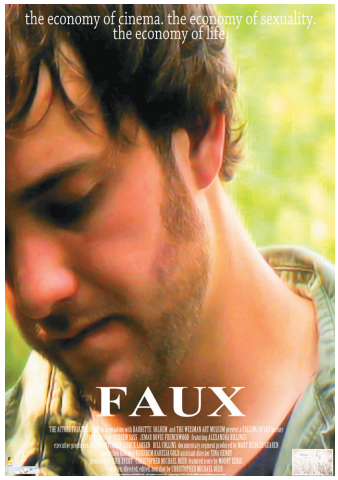
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Friday, December

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Apparently, I'm living across the street from a whorehouse. I know this because my hairdresser, Chris, says so.

When I told Chris that one of his former stylists and a friend moved into the rental home across from me, he grabbed my shoulders meaningfully, and his mouth formed a perfect "O." He performs this gesture at least a dozen times during the average haircut. We live in a small resort community, and he knows *everything* about everyone. So, any proper noun is sure to touch off a dramatic gesture and riveting round of gossip.

"They're whores!" Chris said triumphantly. "And they're running a whorehouse! And they're not straight, either. They're bisexual, and they put on sex shows!"

You'd think that I would have done a spit-take at that news, but, instead, I calmly sipped my wine, and nodded in agreement. It wasn't all that shocking, because at least once every visit, Chris tells me of a local whorehouse operated by some desperate single mom.

On my last visit, Chris told me that my former tenant ran a whorehouse out of my house! According to him, my renter, who happened to be a massage therapist at Chris's salon, was turning tricks right in front of her small son.

"It's a good thing you kicked her out," Chris said. "There's a fine line between being a massage therapist and being a whore."

"Not really, Chris," I replied. "A massage therapist doesn't sleep with clients for money. But a whore does."

"Exactly," Chris said, and then launched into a long, convoluted tale about a former Miss Tuliptime who lost her crown after a stunning fall from grace. Miss Tuliptime is the premier teen beauty pageant in the region, and, apparently, is little more than a whore factory. The pageant takes wholesome high school students; stuffs them into sequin-casings; and churns out generations of kohl-eyed, tobacco-stained, beer-breathed tramps.

Chris and his partner, James, deeply are involved in the local pageant circuit. They either are gearing up, winding down, or vowing to drop out of the circuit altogether to punish the small-minded, taste-deprived townsfolk who refuse to appreciate their talents.

"Let's just see them pick out proper tiaras without us!" Chris threatens several times a year, wielding a rat comb in the air like a saber.

My favorite time to visit the salon is at the run-up to our town's pageant, one of the qualifying rounds for the Miss Tuliptime Pageant. The salon is always flush with teen contestants who merrily give up any sense of self-esteem for the honor of being insulted and coiffed by Chris and James.

"Oh, honey!" Chris said, shaking his head sadly at one perfectly pretty high school student, as she skulked to his chair. "You don't have a hope in hell of winning, so let's do a ponytail, and go for Miss Congeniality."

My girlfriend has begged me to switch salons. Every visit takes an average of three hours, she complains. It's time that better can be spent mixing her martinis, and staring longingly into her eyes.

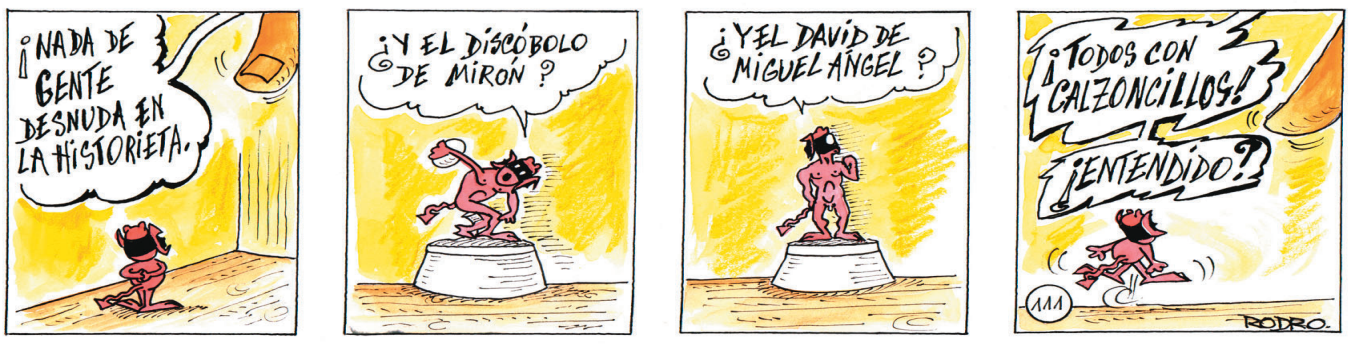
But I refuse to switch, because: (a) Chris is the only hairdresser in my long, troubled history who knows how to tame my hair; and (b) how else would I keep tabs on all the whores in town?

When I returned home that night, I peeked out at the whorehouse across the street. A lot of suspicious late-night comings and goings have been happening. The two tenants are busty, and have oddly colored hair, which certainly suggests sluttiness.

Frankly, though, I doubt that either is bright enough to charge money for it. Still, a good story is a good story. So, I called up the owners of the house, who happen to be friends, and happily announced the news.

"Thank God!" my friend exclaimed. "Maybe we finally found a tenant who will pay the rent on time." **JENNIFER PARELLO**

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Those of you who just snorted know your beer commercials, and probably remember the one in which we are told that during a taste test, the favorite beer in all the land was…Old Milwaukee!

I think you can imagine the average beer-drinking American's reaction to this news: That's right, more than 634,000 of them immediately dropped a bowling ball on their foot.

The survey was conducted by *Consumer Reports*, which generally sticks to rating such things as cars, refrigerators, and lawn-care equipment. In the October issue, for example, Black & Decker earned the highest rating for its combination meat smoker/toupee dryer, the Ham Donaldson.

For the beer report, the magazine enlisted brew masters and brewing students to do the blind tastings.

Tasting beer while you are blind, as you know, is considered the only realistic way to gauge the product, in the sense that 87 percent of beer drinkers end up in that condition just after midnight.

That's followed by slurring the words "Shhomeone call me a cab," at which point all six of your drunken friends are required by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives regulations to say, "You are a cab! Ha-ha-ha!"

The 30-second commercial for Old Milwaukee beer was shown during the World Series, and continues to air during NFL games.

Marketing experts briefly toyed with the idea of using the commercial during NHL games, but correctly surmised that by the start of the game, the average hockey fan has already made his beverage selection (grain alcohol).

As you might imagine, the results of the *Consumer Reports* study triggered a quiet and subdued celebration at the Old Milwaukee headquarters.

The party seemed to peak after about a week. It only showed signs of winding down when corporate executives could find no more lamp shades to place on their heads, and the Billy Ray Cyrus line-dance audiotape broke.

On a personal note, I have spent the past four years pursuing a theater arts degree. I have conducted a beer-tasting survey with my fellow theater students, and, therefore, feel quite qualified to comment on Old Milwaukee beer.

Based on my own experiences over the last four years, I think I speak for all of us who participated in the survey, and consumed this fine product, when I say, "God, I wish I could remember the name of this damn college. Metro-something-something?"

The scientific study done by *Consumer Reports* was performed by tasting each beer five times, using samples bought at stores across the country. They assessed 30 beer qualities and defects that were mapped on numerical scales.

Then, and only then, did the study's highly-professional quality-control masters unscrew the lids from the five-gallon jars of pickled eggs; rack up the pool balls; and let everyone—in formal consumer-study terminology—"have at it."

It should be noted, however, that Old Milwaukee captured first place only in the "regular and ice beers" category.

For "craft ales"—the microbrews that are sweeping the nation, and causing hundreds of thousands of sophisticated, high-end consumers to forget how to twitter, tweet, and text on their phone gadgets—the number-one product was Samuel Adams Boston Ale.

Samuel Adams was the American Revolutionary patriot who joined Paul Revere in giving a British general what would become known as "the noogie heard 'round the world." It was so painful, and came as such a surprise, that the general dropped a bowling ball on his foot.

Now, consider the source here, but with its historical and political background, I wouldn't be the least bit surprised if Samuel Adams Boston Ale became the official beer of choice for the Tea Party—even though Old Milwaukee calls itself the Beer Built Right.

Bye for now.

Kiss, kiss. **JULIE DAFYDD**

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Still Crazy After Not-So-Many Years

I recently attended my high school reunion, where I ran into my sweetheart from those days. We had been in an intense but non-physical relationship for a year, but "Cat" and her family were devout Catholics. She couldn't bring herself to come out yet. I was head-over-heels for Cat, so it was very frustrating.

Anyhow, while talking at this reunion, we discovered that the sudden end of our relationship was based on a stupid misunderstanding. She seemed as shocked as I am.

She gave me serious mixed messages like: "I'm in a relationship/I'm still very attracted to you"; "I don't know if I still feel the same way/I'd still be with you if X didn't happen."

So, Ms. Behavior, what should I do?

My first inclination is to hightail it to her house, and throw myself at her. One friend tells me to forget about it, as it's heart-flattening material. Another is too busy swooning with the romanticism of it to give me any practical advice.

I still turn to jelly when Cat looks at me, and I have a sense that the relationship is worth another try. On the other hand, I don't want to persuade her to leave her relationship—even though I'm much more fun than the woman she's with.

What if she says no? What if she leaves her relationship, wants to be with me, and then freaks when she sees my pierced labia? Should I hang a St. Christopher's medal on it just in case?

—STILL CRAZY AFTER NOT-SO-MANY YEARS

Dear Crazy:

It's not surprising that Cat still gives you mixed messages. The circumstances have changed, but the essence of your dynamic has not: "You can have me. Oops—no you can't." Cat is still ambivalent. You're still hooked in.

The best thing you can do, if you want to protect your heart, is to stay still. If you rush over to Cat's house, she'll suck you dry (figuratively speaking), then vacillate between you and her current girlfriend.

Let Cat sort out her feelings, and come to you. If she doesn't, you haven't lost anything. If she does, you can take your time, and see if you feel like jumping into it with her.

Don't worry about your labia piercing. It will be an object of curiosity and intrigue to those who haven't seen one up-close.

But get rid of the useless St. Christopher medal. You won't need it unless you're planning to travel. Instead, replace it with a St. Jude medal. He's the dude for hopeless cases.

Dear Ms. Behavior:

Dan, my boyfriend of five years, is about to go to his 20-year college reunion. I have no desire to go with him, nor has he asked me. We have a monogamous relationship, and I always have trusted him.

But I feel threatened now for two reasons: (1) Dan has been working out and losing weight in anticipation of the reunion; and (2) He's planning to spend time with his old college roommate, Bob, who was also his first boyfriend.





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Dan and Bob had a hot relationship back then, as Dan tells it. I'm worried that they'll end up hooking up during reunion weekend, or worse, get back together, and Dan will break up with me.

Do you think I should mention my concerns before he goes to the reunion? Or will that only fuel the fire of his passion for his old boyfriend?

—MR. INSECURITY

Dear Mr. Insecurity:

Feel free to tell Dan how much you love him, and that you feel a little threatened by his reunion.

But if you're tempted to detail every frightening scenario that has passed through your tortured little mind about envisioning his joyous life with his first love, while you spend the rest of yours as a grieving widow, crying and masturbating yourself to sleep every night—don't do it.

Most people like their partners to be a tiny bit jealous, but no one likes an insecure weenie. Talk yourself off the ledge. Breathe deeply. Your confident assumption about your boyfriend's loyalty likely will help you more than an outburst of anxious wheedling.

Try not to be threatened by Dan's extra crunches and pushups. Everyone likes to look good and appear happy at reunions. Sometimes, a health club membership is all it takes. Later on, some must rely on plastic surgery for reunion rejuvenation.

If all goes well, Dan's attachment to you will keep him from succumbing to the desire to reclaim his hot, muscular, erotic past. **MERYL COHN**

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